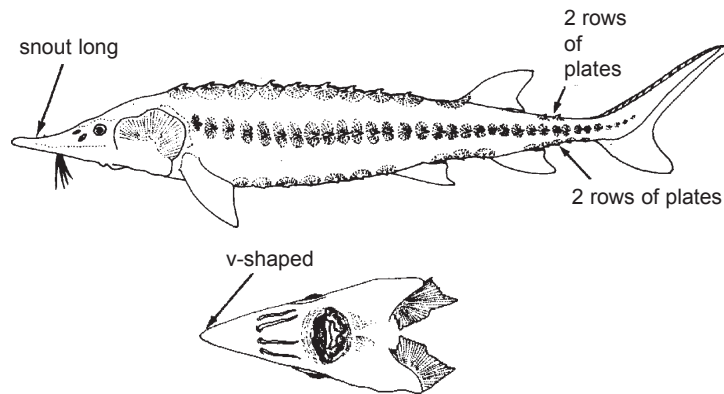


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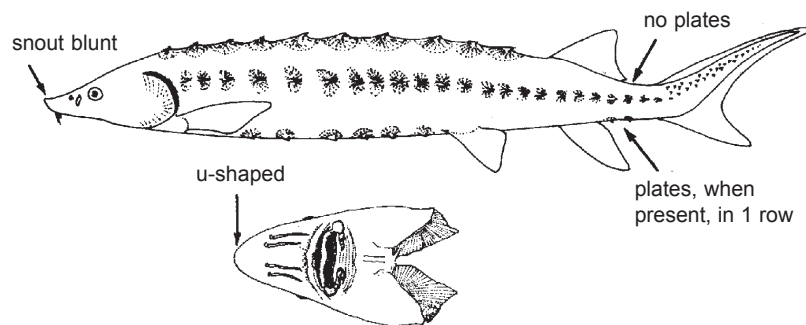


### ATLANTIC STURGEON *Acipenser oxyrinchus*

Key characteristics:

- post-dorsal and post-anal plates in pairs
- snout v-shaped (upturned in juveniles)
- barbel length greater than 1/2 width of mouth
- male average length 198 cm, female average length 244 cm

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### SHORTNOSE STURGEON *Acipenser brevirostrum*

Key characteristics:

- post-dorsal plates usually absent
- post-anal plates, when present, in 1 row
- snout u-shaped
- barbel length less than 1/2 width of mouth
- maximum length 102 cm

**Figure 40.** Atlantic sturgeon (top 2) and shortnose sturgeon (bottom 2). Source: *FAO Species Identification Sheets for fishery purposes. Western Central Atlantic (fishing area 31). Vol. 1, UNFAO.*